

# *NAIT Graphics Division Membership Meeting Minutes*

November 21, 2008, Friday @ 10:30 a.m.

**Present:** Lynda Kenney, President, Ryan Brown, Past President, John Craft, President-Elect, Jon Duff, John Freden, Argie Nichols, Suzanne Horne, John Irwin, Wahed Wasel, Will Fanning, Michelle Surerus, Edward Lazaros, Thomas Spotts, Kyle Palmer, Gabe Grant, Luke Steinke, Tom Reeves, Cynthia Gillispie-Thompson, Elinor Blackwell, and Sonya Draper.

**Assigned roles:** Facilitator, Dr. Lynda Kenney

**Meeting called to order:** 10:35 a.m. by Dr. Lynda Kenney

• **Welcome and Introductions:** Dr. Kenney introduced herself and Dr. Craft, and welcomed those in attendance to the annual Graphics Division Membership Meeting.

• **Opportunities for Service:** Dr. Kenney discussed the following Graphics Division initiatives, asking members for their support and to volunteer to lead and/or assist in their development and implementation at the next conference in Louisville (November 10-14, 2009).

• The Graphics Division sponsors an **Industry Tour** every year, with the focus rotating between Technical Graphics, Graphic Communications, and Multimedia Graphics. The 2009 tour in Louisville will focus on technical graphics. Volunteers are needed to organize the 2009 tour.

• Tom Spotts and John Craft, are developing a Graphics Division **brochure**. This information piece will be provided online to interested parties and membership. The intent of the brochure is to inform and recruit. Dr.'s Spotts and Craft will send an electronic copy of the brochure to Dr. Kenney for review, who will in turn send it to the membership for feedback. The final draft will be offered online.

• The NAIT Executive Board approved the **Location Logo Design Contest** in 2007 to be an annual student contest sponsored by the Graphics Division where the winning logo would be used for promoting conferences. The Graphics Division provides winnings of \$100 and a conference registration waiver. Members in attendance suggested that we offer additional prizes, maybe a digital drawing tablet or software. Dr. Kenney, who volunteered to continue to organize the contest, will also try to locate additional prizes. In 2007 there were 18 entrants to the contest; in 2008 there were 76 entrants.

• Students requested that the Graphics Division write additional graphics-related questions for the **IT/IQ Contest** sponsored by the NAIT Student Division. Michelle Surerus, Elinor Blackwell, and Tom Spotts volunteered to write the multiple-choice questions.

- Members at the meeting requested that a technology/graphics-related *workshop* be offered at the Louisville conference. Dr. Kenney will gather ideas and volunteers to lead a workshop.
- Members at the meeting requested that an informal “*get together*” dinner be implemented at next year’s conference. Dr. Kenney will organize and advertise the event.
- Members suggested that *additional contests* be implemented in order to involve students and industry in the Division’s activities. Suzanne Horne and John Irwin volunteered to work on a Technical Graphics type of contest, while Lynda Kenney and John Freden volunteered to work on a Multimedia Graphics type of contest.
- Because the “*Teaching Tidbits*” 50-minute session about the best practices in teaching graphics was a big hit, members agreed that it should be continued next year. Dr. Kenney agreed to organize the event.
- The Graphics Division requested to serve as judges for the Student Division’s *Poster Design Contest*, which is a part of the Robotics Contest. This year Michelle Surerus, Will Fanning, and Lynda Kenney served as judges. They agreed to serve as judges next year, and to write a new set of rubrics for the poster design contest.
- Members suggested that the Graphics Division contact graphics-related companies to be *exhibitors and/or sponsors* of workshops and contests. Dr. Kenney will gather ideas and work with volunteers and the Executive Office to garner exhibitors/sponsors.
- The Certification Board is moving toward specialty areas, and the Graphics Division membership needs to make sure that we participate in the process of creating a database of questions. Last year Ryan Brown worked with Mark Miller, chair of the Certification Board, to develop graphics related *questions for certification exams*. The members agreed that this relationship should continue and that these exams would add value to students and members. Dr’s Brown, Duff, Fanning and Craft volunteered to work on writing the exams.
- The Graphics Division celebrated its *10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary* this year by honoring our past presidents at a dinner. John Craft, Marlow Marchant, Tom Spotts and Ryan Brown, all past presidents, attended the dinner and shared stories and pictures about how the Graphics Division was formed. Dr. Kenney presented them with gifts of gratitude (engraved business card holders) for their leadership and service to the Division.
- The Graphics Division recognized and supports the formation of a new focus group, *Women in Technology*.
- Dr. Kenney presented “*thank you*” gift cards to volunteers Michelle Surerus, John Irwin, Will Fanning, Tom Spotts, and John Craft as a token of the Division’s appreciation for their service.

- The conference *presentation proposal* process and *selected papers* review process was lead by Dr. Kenney this year, and will be lead by Dr. Craft next year. This responsibility traditionally lies with the President-Elect.

- **Issues:** Dr. Kenney discussed the following NAIT issues:

- The NAIT Executive Board unveiled the proposed new name, vision statement, and mission statement, something that they worked on throughout the year. The Board believes that these changes are important to the revitalization and growth of the Association. In January 2009 members will have the opportunity to *vote* on the proposed new name, vision and mission statements.

- In the coming year, the Executive Board will discuss re-organization of the Association to further enhance its vitality and growth.

*Meeting adjourned* at 11:20 a.m.